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## **NOTICE TO THE TRADE**

### **ANNUAL INDUSTRY CONFERENCE FOR CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS IN USDA'S POULTRY AND EGG PURCHASE PROGRAM**

The Poultry Programs of the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) invites all contractors and poultry and egg suppliers to participate in its annual conference to discuss the AMS commodity purchase and distribution program.

Topics will include the history of Section 32 and the school lunch program, processing issues, and an update from the Food and Nutrition Service. We will also review plans for the new computer system for procurement, Web-Based Supply Chain Management, and how this new system will affect you. Additionally, we invite you to submit any questions or comments you would like addressed using the attached registration form.

The date and location of the conference are:

When:           Wednesday, March 5  
                    1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
                    Thursday, March 6  
                    8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where:          Top of the Town  
                    1400 14<sup>th</sup> St.  
                    Arlington, Virginia 22209  
                    (703) 387-8696  
                    [www.topofthetown.com](http://www.topofthetown.com)

Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. Attached is a list of hotels that are in the area of the conference facility. Please see the website for directions to the location.

Pre-registration for the conference is required. Please return the attached form or register online at [www.ams.usda.gov/cp](http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp) (select "What's New") by February 22, 2008. If you would like additional information, please e-mail me at [Dennis.Pearson@usda.gov](mailto:Dennis.Pearson@usda.gov) or call (202) 720-7693.

We value your participation and look forward to seeing you at the conference.

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Dennis J. Pearson, Chief  
Commodity Procurement Branch  
Poultry Programs

Attachment

## REGISTRATION FORM

### ANNUAL INDUSTRY CONFERENCE FOR CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS IN USDA'S POULTRY AND EGG PURCHASE PROGRAM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 - THURSDAY, MARCH 6

**Location:** Top of the Town  
1400 14<sup>th</sup> St.  
Arlington, VA 22209

\_\_\_\_\_ will be represented by:  
(Company)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If there are specific issues you would like discussed at this meeting, please list those below:**

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**FAX TO:** (202) 720-5871

Or e-mail the above information to [Dennis.Pearson@usda.gov](mailto:Dennis.Pearson@usda.gov)

## Hotels in the Area of Top of the Town

Quality Inn Iwo Jima  
1501 Arlington Blvd.  
Arlington, VA 22209  
703-524-5000  
0.1 miles NW

Courtyard by Marriott  
1533 Clarendon Blvd.  
Arlington, VA 22209  
703-528-2222  
0.3 miles NW

Virginian Suites  
1500 Arlington Blvd.  
Arlington, VA 22209  
703-522-9600  
0.1 miles N

Inn of Rosslyn  
1601 Arlington Blvd  
Arlington, VA 22209  
703-524-3400  
0.2 miles W

Royal Regency Int  
1121 Arlington Blvd.  
Arlington, VA 22209  
703-243-4122  
0.2 miles NE

Best Western-Washington Key Bridge  
1850 Fort Myer Dr.  
Arlington, VA 22209  
703-522-0400  
0.4 miles N

Hyatt Arlington  
1325 Wilson Blvd.  
Arlington, VA 22209  
703-525-1234  
0.3 miles N

Hilton Garden Inn Arlington-Courthouse Plaza  
1333 North Courthouse Rd.  
Arlington, VA 22201  
703-528-4444  
0.6 miles W

Marriott Hotels and Resort: Key Bridge Marriott  
1401 Lee Hwy.  
Arlington, VA 22209  
703-524-6400  
0.6 miles N